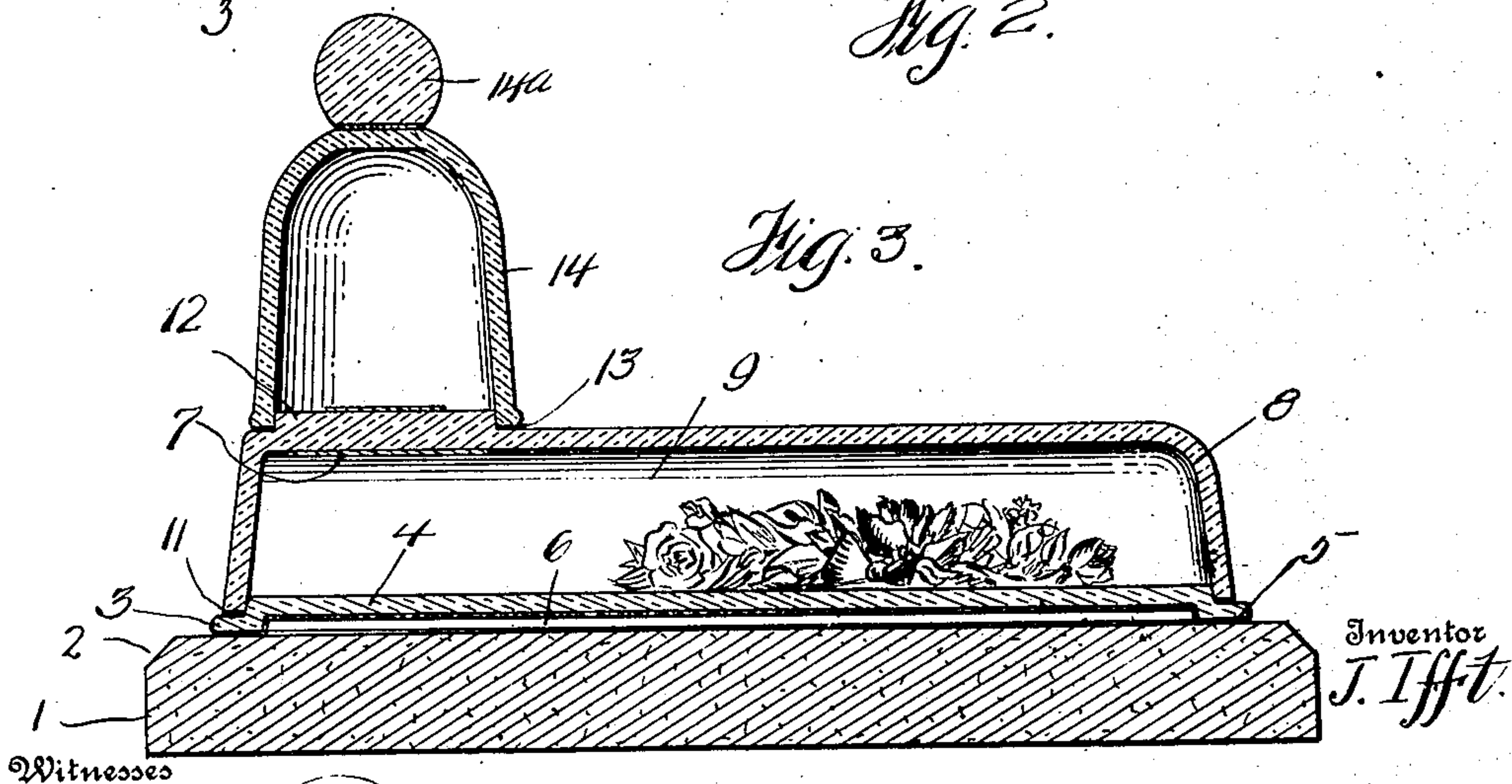
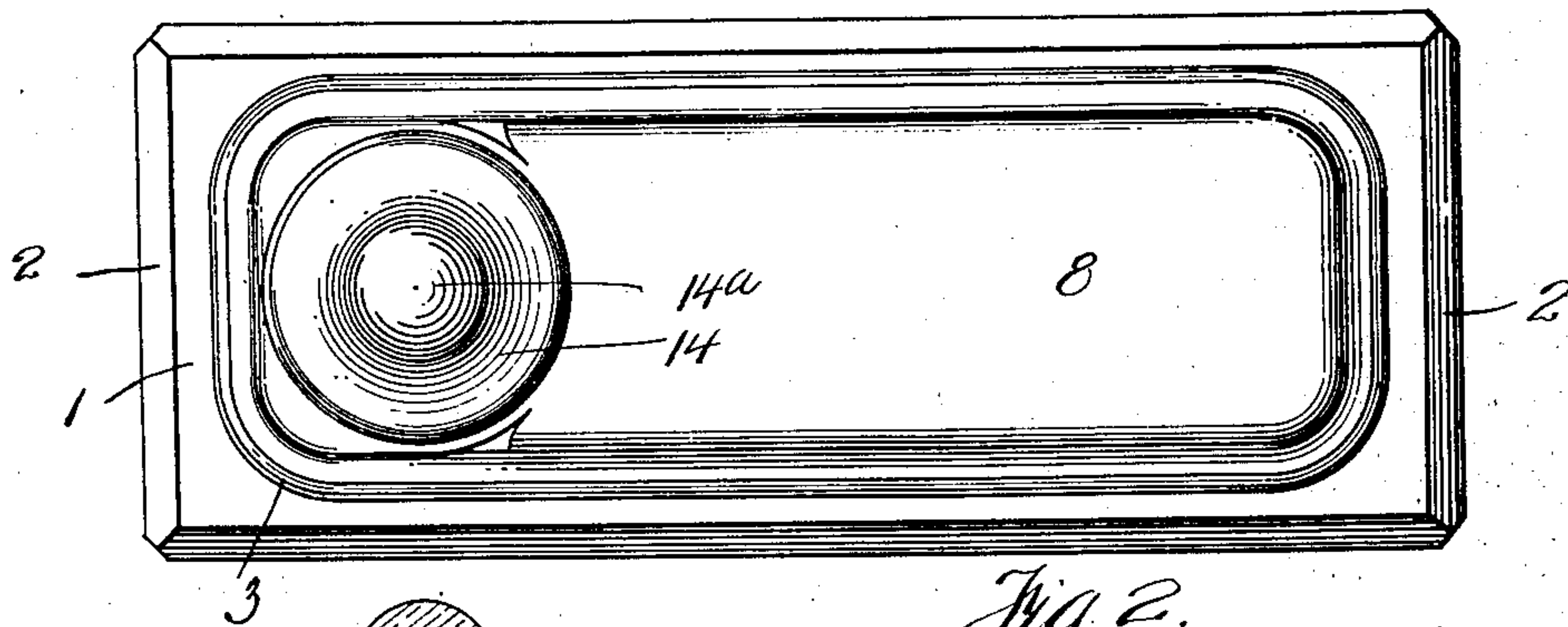
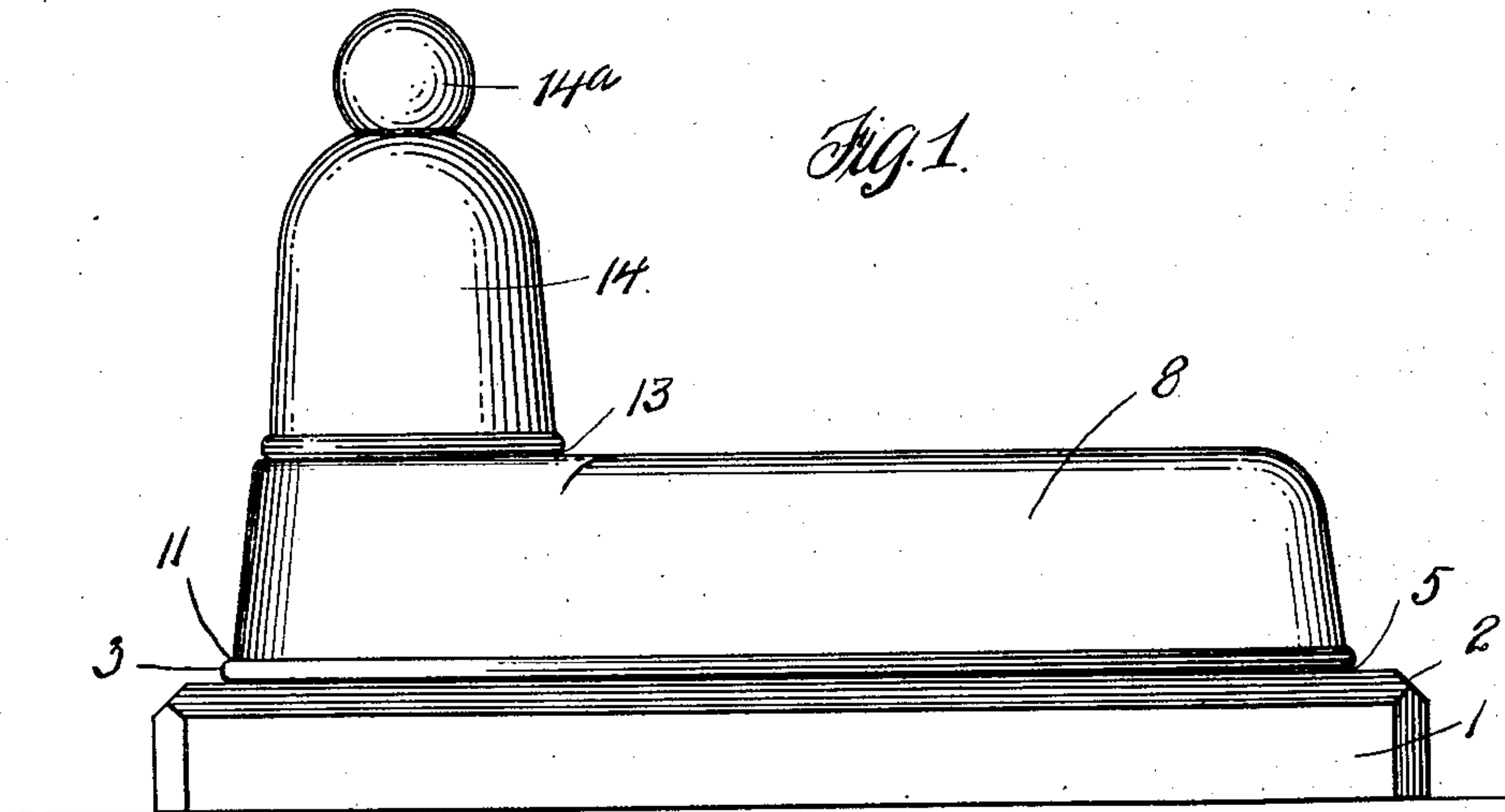


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN IFFT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Zelenople, in the county of Butler and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Monuments or Tombstones, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to monuments, tombstones and similar structures, located above a grave to honor the dead and maintain a record of the same.

The invention has for its primary object to provide a monument or tombstone made of vitreous material either transparent or translucent.

Another object of this invention is to provide a composite monument or tombstone in which a record of the dead, mementos, a picture, and tribute to the dead can be safely maintained in connection with the grave.

A further object of this invention is to provide an ornamental monument that will present a neat and attractive appearance and be free from injury from the forces of nature.

With the above and other objects in view which will more readily appear as the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be presently described and then claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a monument or tombstone constructed in accordance with my invention, Fig. 2 is a plan of the monument or tombstone and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same.

In the drawings 1 denotes an oblong foundation that can be made of concrete, natural stone, vitreous material, or any suitable material having lasting qualifications. The concrete is preferable as the same can be molded or ornamented above a grave to completely cover the grave. In the present instance, the foundation 1 has the upper edges thereof beveled or ornamented, as at 2.

3 designates an oblong slab having a central oblong raised portion 4 whereby the marginal portion of the slab will extend in a plane below the raised portion 4. This slab is made of a vitreous material, as transparent glass and has the peripheral edges thereof hermetically sealed upon the foundation 1, cement or a similar adhesive material

5 being used for this purpose. The raised portion 4 of the slab 3 in connection with the foundation 1 provides an oblong compartment 6, and in this compartment can be placed any records of the deceased. The under or inner side of the raised portion 4 of the slab can be silvered, to provide a mirror adapted to reflect objects placed upon the slab.

8 designates an ornamental oblong casing adapted to be seated upon the marginal portion of the slab 3 and inclose the raised portion 4 and in connection with the slab 3 provide an oblong compartment 9. The casing 8 is made of a vitreous material, as transparent glass, and the edges of the casing 8 are hermetically sealed, as at 11, to the upper edges of the slab 3, whereby objects as mementos, records, and tributes of the deceased will be fully protected and safely preserved. The casing 8 upon the under or inner side thereof at the head of said casing is provided with an inverted photograph, engraving or picture 7 of the deceased, which will be reflected in the mirror of the slab 3. The casing 8 at the head thereof and upon the top side above the picture 7 is provided with an enlargement 12 over which is adapted to fit and be hermetically sealed, as at 13, an ornamental dome or column 14 made of a vitreous material. The enlargement 12 is adapted to support a name or inscription plate, (not shown) or such data as will identify the deceased. The dome or column 14 is preferably made hollow, whereby a bust, or statuette of the deceased can be placed in the same, and the top of the dome or column can be provided with an ornament 14^a.

It is thought that the utility of my monument or tombstone for the purposes for which it is intended, will be fully understood, and while in the drawings there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is obvious that the structural elements thereof can be varied or changed as to design, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, is:—

1. In a monument for graves, the combination of a foundation, of a slab of vitreous material having a raised portion whereby the marginal portion of the slab will extend in a plane below the raised portion whereby said slab in connection with said foundation

will provide a compartment, said slab connected to said foundation, whereby said compartment will be hermetically sealed, an oblong casing seated upon the marginal portion of the slab and inclosing the raised portion of the slab and forming in connection with the slab a compartment, said casing connected to the marginal portion of the slab whereby said last-mentioned compartment will be hermetically sealed, and means to constitute a dome mounted upon said casing and connected to the casing whereby the chamber formed by the dome will be hermetically sealed.

2. In a monument for graves, the combination of a foundation, of a slab of vitreous material having a raised portion whereby the marginal portion of the slab will extend in a plane below the raised portion whereby said slab in connection with said foundation will provide a compartment, said slab connected to said foundation, whereby said compartment will be hermetically sealed, an oblong casing seated upon the marginal portion of the slab inclosing the raised portion of the slab and forming in connection with the slab a compartment, said casing connected to the marginal portion of the slab whereby said last-mentioned compartment will be hermetically sealed, and means to constitute a dome mounted upon said casing and connected to the casing whereby the

chamber formed by the dome will be hermetically sealed, and said slab being silvered to provide a mirror. 35

3. In a monument for graves, the combination of a foundation, of a slab of vitreous material having a raised portion whereby the marginal portion of the slab will extend in a plane below the raised portion whereby said slab in connection with said foundation will provide a compartment, said slab connected to said foundation, whereby said compartment will be hermetically sealed, an oblong casing seated upon the marginal portion of the slab and inclosing the raised portion of the slab and forming in connection with the slab a compartment, said casing connected to the marginal portion of the slab whereby said last-mentioned compartment will be hermetically sealed, said casing having its outer face at one end enlarged, and means to constitute a dome seated upon said casing and inclosing said raised portion and connected to the casing whereby the chamber formed by the dome will be hermetically sealed. 40 45 50 55

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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